

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicants originally submitted Claims 1-50 in the application and amended Claims 1-4, 11-14, 21-24, 31-34, 41-44 and 46. In a previous Office Action, the Examiner indicated that dependent Claims 24 and 31 include allowable subject matter and that Claims 33-50 were allowed. In order to expedite issuance, the Applicants amended independent Claims 19 and 26 with indicated allowable subject matter and canceled Claims 1-18, 24 and 31 without prejudice or disclaimer.

In the present Office Action, the Examiner maintains that Claims 33-50 are allowable but asserts that Claims 19-23, 25-30 and 32 are not allowable in view of another new reference. To expedite issuance of the allowed claims, the Applicants have canceled Claims 19-23, 25-30 and 32 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, Claims 33-50 are currently pending in the application.

I. Rejection of Claims 19-23, 25-30 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner has rejected Claims 19-23, 25-30 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,940,369 to Bhagavath, *et al.*, in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0172226 by Staats. The rejection of Claims 19-23, 25-30 and 32 is now moot since these Claims have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer as stated above. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the §103(a) rejection and allow issuance of the pending claims.

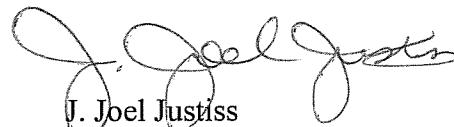
II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicants see all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance for Claims 33-50.

The Applicants request the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, credits or overpayments to Deposit Account 08-2395.

Respectfully submitted,

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